



Our topic this half term is "Who was Guy Fawkes?"

# Class 1DB - Autumn 2

I hope you have had a lovely time over the half term holiday, the children have certainly returned to school keen to continue their learning journey. I hope that you and your child are enjoying the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer.

## Homework

Homework will start to be given out weekly, on a Friday, to be handed in by the following week.

## Spellings

Spellings will be given out each Tuesday. A spelling test will take place the following Monday. Your support in practising these spellings is gratefully appreciated.

## Reading

Reading books will be changed every Tuesday and Friday. You should encourage your child to read at home very day if possible, but certainly at least five times a week. Please ensure that your child's reading log is signed. We would like each child to put their reading book in the blue tray once the book has been read. This tray is clearly labelled and is kept in the cloakroom.

## PE

PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child has full PE kit in school on these days. Please remember earrings should not be worn on PE days.

## Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- \* Story writing
- \* Diary / letter writing

During literacy your child will also be focusing on grammar, punctuation and guided reading.

## Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- \* Addition and Subtraction
- \* Problem solving
- \* 2D and 3D shapes

## Science

The science theme for this half term is 'Everyday Materials'. The children will observe and discuss different types of materials and their properties.

## RE

In RE we will be answering the question "Why does Christmas matter to Christians?". The children will be focusing on how Christians celebrate Christmas, by looking at traditions we have at Christmas time. The children will also be discussing the Christmas story from the Bible, and creating our own nativity play.

## Art/ DT

During our Art and DT lessons we will be creating our own bonfire night pictures using paints. We will also be drawing Guy Fawkes using pencil and shading techniques.

## Music

The children will be learning about how to make different sounds with their voices and follow short rhythmic patterns.

## ICT

During ICT we will be learning how to stay safe online.

The children will continue to practise to log themselves on to the computers, using their own logins.

Learning in ICT will include using a range of different software e.g. word processing and art packages.

## History/Geography

As historians we will be focusing on the Gun Powder Plot, and looking at what happened to Guy Fawkes. We will be using historical vocabulary to describe what we have learnt.

As geographers we will investigate where Guy Fawkes lived and the location of the Houses of Parliament in London.

## And finally...

Please feel free to come into school, at the beginning or end of the day, to discuss any concerns with myself, Miss Thorneycroft or Mrs Mathers.

